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Whereas, In the winter of 1816, seven-year-old Abraham Lincoln moved from Kentucky with his father, Tom, his mother, Nancy, and his sister, Sarah, to a tiny settlement along Little Pigeon Creek in Spencer County;

Whereas, With an ax in his hands, Abraham experienced the life, culture, and hardships of Indiana pioneer life;

Whereas, On October 5, 1818, he witnessed the death of his beloved mother from milk sickness; she is buried on a gentle knoll between a quarter- and a half-mile from their Indiana home;

Whereas, Abraham went to school in Indiana and was taught "readin', writin', and cipherin'" by Andrew Crawford, James Swaney, and Azel Dorsey;

Whereas, Lincoln was a voracious reader, remarking that "the things I want to know are in books; my best friend is the man who'll git me a book I ain't read";

Whereas, Lincoln's taste in literature was varied; he read the family Bible, borrowed and read "Aesop's Fables", "Pilgrim's Progress", "Robinson Crusoe", Grimshaw's "History of the United States", and Weems's "The Life of George Washington";



Whereas, Abraham Lincoln's education was not limited to school buildings and books;

Whereas, Abraham watched and learned from lawyers, political speakers, and evangelists as they spoke to their audiences and presented their arguments and points of view;

Whereas, While living in Indiana, Lincoln learned many life lessons including that whiskey and tobacco weren't good for the mind or body;

Whereas, Lincoln learned from his stepmother that faith in God should be shown through works more than words;

Whereas, Lincoln's life was struck by tragedy once again when, in 1828, after a year of marriage his sister, Sarah, died in childbirth; the child and Sarah are buried in Indiana;

Whereas, In 1829 Lincoln took a flatboat of goods down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to New Orleans, where he witnessed his first slave auction, an event that would strongly influence his thoughts on slavery;

Whereas, Abraham Lincoln grew from a young boy to a young man on Hoosier soil, leaving for Illinois in 1830; and

Whereas, Abraham Lincoln's Indiana experiences provided many life lessons that would help prepare him for the office of President of the United States: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly encourages all
2 citizens of Indiana to take pride in the fact that Indiana is Abraham
3 Lincoln's boyhood home and to celebrate the 200th anniversary of his
4 arrival in Indiana by visiting those sites in Southern Indiana that honor
5 his presence there from 1816 to 1830.

